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LITERATURE

Krakauer's sources a mystery

Amanda Bryant
Montana Kaimin

Author Jon Krakauer's upcoming book, "Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town," is tackling the controversial topic of sexual assault on colleges campuses.

However, Krakauer is under fire amidst reports he didn't interview key individuals involved with the sexual assault cases that sparked federal investigations of three different local agencies.

Former Missoula County Attorney Fred Van Valkenburg said Krakauer never tried to reach him in any way.

"He is the one saying he is painting a true picture of these cases, yet he didn't talk to the people who were directly involved in the justice system," Van Valkenburg said. "I don't

see how he can in any way claim that he is painting a true picture of the justice system without talking to anyone involved."

According to Doubleday Publishing, which is releasing the book, it presents "a stark, powerful, meticulously reported narrative about a series of sexual assaults at the University of Montana."

While that short sentence is about all that is known about the book right now, its title and description has already sparked a debate about what the book could include. Van Valkenburg said he doubts the book will have a positive impact in Missoula.

Krakauer's public battle to obtain information for his book has only caused a greater stir about what the book might reveal. The author's attorney,



Courtesy of the Associated Press

Jon Krakauer's new book has stired much controversy, and the identity of sources remains elusive.

Mike Meloy, filed a brief with the Montana Supreme Court to release records detailing the 2011 disciplinary hearing of former Grizzlies quarterback Jordan Johnson, after the office of the commissioner of educa-

tion refused to turn over any of the documents, even after a court order.

Frank LoMonte, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, said the Office of
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SOFTWARE

UM offers students free Microsoft Office

Cavan Williams
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana is now offering students the opportunity to download Microsoft 365 ProPlus for free.

The program, which normally costs \$100 a year, can be downloaded by students onto five different computers, as well as five different mobile devices.

Some students question why they would need ProPlus on 10 different devices, since all campus computers are equipped with ProPlus as it is.

"I think it's great for other students, but for me, it's a bit excessive," UM junior Shayna Jessop said.

The program offers students six different applications, including Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint, and can be used with either PC or Mac operating systems.

According to Nathan Anderson of UM Information Technology department, the program saves documents to Cloud, which allows users to have remote access to their work, regardless of where they are.

According to Anderson, students can download the program by logging into their student email account, clicking on the Office 365 icon in the top left corner. A new page will be brought up where students can download Office Pro, which takes between 5 and 15 minutes.

After download, Mac users will select a program, like Word, click on "Work Account" and enter their Net ID information

For any questions regarding downloading, or what is offered by the program, students can go to <http://www.umt.edu/it/support/software/365-proplus.php>

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HOW 'BOUT THAT WEATHER?

Warm winter may bring fiery summer

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Beautiful sunny weather has fallen on Missoula in the past few weeks. Students can be seen wearing shorts and lounging on the Oval, basking in the glorious spring weather.

The only problem is it's February, not spring. As the snow on the mountains melts and flows into the rivers, Missoula could be looking at a hot, dry and fiery summer.

According to the US climate data site the average high temperature in Missoula for February this year is 39 degrees, a stark change from last year, when February was the coldest month of the year. The coldest day of 2014 was Feb. 6, with temperatures dipping 22 below zero.

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BY THE NUMBERS OUR WEIRDLY WARM WINTER

Hottest days of this school year

92° The hottest day of the school year was on September 24, 2014. The average temperature on that day normally is **68°**

The average February temperature in Missoula is **37°**

FEBRUARY 2015 has so far averaged **45°**

All temperatures are in degrees Fahrenheit. All data comes from WeatherSpark





HIGH ON SCIENCE

Chili Peppers Not Guns

By James Alan Rolph

A specter of debates past has risen and is gallivanting across Montana. Should we be able to carry guns around campus?

House Bill 143 would allow students with concealed carry permits to carry their guns on campus. This is one of 10 such bills around the country brewed in a think tank's cauldron by the cackling lobbyists of gun manufacturers.

But let's focus on the technological failure, not the moral and political ones ... though I'll get to those at the end.

A gun ignites chemical potential energy to accelerate an object to lethal velocity. You throw a bit of metal so hard that when it hits someone, it rips flesh and shatters bone, thus turning functioning humans into lumps of decomposing meat.

Is that technology really the best way to protect the average person?

There are those who will say humans making the choice to hurt others have given up their right to a bullet-free existence, but we're pretty smart apes, and I bet we can find a way to sidestep this issue completely.

The beauty of technology is it gives us things like pepper spray and stun guns. They work at close range, and are much less likely to be lethal in both accidents and combat. They are less expensive to produce, less likely to malfunction and easier to use. Look at all the problems technology solved with only an aerosol can and concentrated chili peppers.

Nonlethal weaponry isn't the only innovation we can use to tackle this issue. The world would probably be better when arming the meek isn't the only route to a peaceful society. It will take some philosophical and political technology though.

This time around, proponents are pushing these bills by hijacking feminist arguments and claiming that this is a push to protect vulnerable young women from sexual assault.

Thank the stars that people will be able to trade in the extreme emotional trauma of sexual violence for the extreme emotional trauma of shooting someone. Plus, the bill would allow predators to carry firearms, and most sexual assaults are committed by people who are already familiar with their victims.

In the case of guns on campuses, we allow lobbyists to make the argument about safety for our loved ones when technology already provides better, more viable options to achieve that.

I wonder if at one point people argued about the best way to fist fight a tiger, while someone else just smiled and sharpened a rock.

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Annisa Keith/Montana Kaimin



4TH AND 26

A-Fraud

By Andy Bixler

Ugh.

This week, while the newest details of Deflategate were being breathlessly reported by ESPN and Bleacher Report was comparing NBA players vacations, embattled Yankees third-baseman Alex Rodriguez released a handwritten apology note following his year-long suspension from baseball for steroid use.

The note seemed heartfelt, and was written in surprisingly nice cursive. It also spoke to a deeper feeling A-Rod is experiencing. He says he accepts responsibility for his actions, and apologizes to the fans and his fellow players.

Rodriguez also notes he is aware there are many who won't accept his apology, who won't forgive him for committing the same crime most of his generation is guilty of. He says he accepts that too, and the next step for him is to "play ball."

A-Rod is ready to move on, his fellow players are ready to move on, and God knows the fans are ready to move on. But the writers who cover him aren't. While he

spent years lying and covering up his performance enhancing drug use, writers and commentators implored him to "Just come clean!" "The lying is the worst part!" they said.

Now, Rodriguez has come clean, he's served the longest suspension in baseball history, and he is set to play for the Yankees in 2015. His note was meant to get it all in the open and move forward, yet the columnists who once screamed for an apology are now screaming at the apology.

Noted jackass Mike Lupica said A-Rod "took the easy way out," for writing the letter. How is losing your entire reputation, being suspended for a year and becoming a pariah easy?

And still there was more. Jayson Stark questioned the validity of the apology. Tony Kornheiser shouted that he was "untrustworthy." A New Jersey columnist even got a handwriting specialist to examine his penmanship (the slant in his writing apparently indicates he has an outgoing personality).

In all of their rage and bluster, these writers have given Rodriguez something he really doesn't deserve — their attention. He's nearing 40 years old, and he hit .244 and seven home runs his last season. He simply isn't very good anymore. He's one of the few remaining relics of a painful, dark chapter in baseball history.

A-Rod will probably spend the next two seasons playing sparingly and being a financial burden. He'll probably fall ass-backwards into the six home runs he needs to earn a \$6 million bonus. He'll be covered and quoted and reported on, and I couldn't care less. The player I once thought was going to break the all-time records the right way is gone — in his place is a fraud, and even worse a fraud who is everywhere.

It's time to move on from steroids, it's time to stop talking about Rodriguez and start talking about Altuve.

It's time to close the book.

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Power hour: UM's 2014 electricity usage

This information was gathered from UM's facility services. This is a conglomerate of all electricity energy usage of the 54 buildings on the main campus for one fiscal year.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Explosive sound
- 5 Outer
- 10 Not even ajar
- 14 "Born to Die" singer/songwriter Del Rey
- 15 Stadium divisions
- 16 Son of Leah
- 17 "You're living in the past," nowadays
- 20 Flower celebrated in an annual Ottawa festival
- 21 Move the boat, in a way
- 22 Painting option
- 23 Like a typical farmer's market
- 25 "Gotcha!"
- 26 "You can't go there," nowadays
- 32 Peace Nobel
- 35 Blue's mom
- 36 de coeur: impassioned plea
- 37 "Gone With the Wind" setting
- 38 "Whew!"
- 39 Sit a spell
- 40 The Pac-12's Beavers
- 41 Ego
- 43 Citrine or amethyst
- 45 "Nobody can go there," nowadays
- 48 A Bobbsey twin
- 49 Stops
- 53 Early New Zealand settler
- 56 "Something ..."
- 58 Bug
- 59 "Never heard of you," nowadays
- 62 Cinch
- 63 Sci-fi staple
- 64 Golf shot
- 65 Breton, e.g.
- 66 Band tour stop, perhaps
- 67 Building additions

DOWN

- 1 Olive Oyl pursuer
- 2 Eagerly consume
- 3 One with degrees?
- 4 Sauce of southern Italy
- 5 Norm: Abbr.
- 6 Capital ENE of Custer
- 7 Prefix with 5-Across
- 8 Intercollegiate sport
- 9 Lawyer's letters
- 10 Moccasin, for one
- 11 Man around the Haus
- 12 Layer in the eye
- 13 Considerable
- 18 Posthaste
- 19 Escort
- 24 "Here," on Metro maps
- 25 "to Billie Joe"
- 27 Act the cynic
- 28 Coming up short
- 29 Bakery specialist
- 30 Before, to a bard
- 31 Scatterbrain
- 32 On the highest point of
- 33 Apollo's creator
- 34 Pharmacopeia listing
- 38 Abbreviation on a lunch menu
- 39 Splendor
- 41 Gastropod for a gourmet
- 42 Geochronological span
- 43 "¿pasa?"
- 44 Three-time Indy winner Bobby
- 46 Transported
- 47 Favored to win
- 50 "60 Minutes" regular
- 51 Sri Lankan language
- 52 What a pedometer counts
- 53 Catchall file abbr.
- 54 Archer of "Fatal Attraction"
- 55 Common face shape
- 56 Redolence
- 57 Jiffy
- 60 "Science Friday" radio host Flatow
- 61 Greek "H"

By Robert Fisher 2/19/15

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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President Royce Engstrom gives his mid-year update Wednesday in the University Center Theater. In his second speech of the school year, Engstrom discussed both successes and challenges for the University.

Engstrom talks books and budget

Meri DeMarois
Montana Kaimin

University of Montana President Royce Engstrom spoke to staff and students about issues such as budgeting and Jon Krakauer's book during his mid-year update Wednesday.

Engstrom said not much is known about Krakauer's novel, set to be released on April 21.

"None of us had any role in talking with the author here, or at the system office," Engstrom said.

"Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town" illustrates the topic of sexual assault on college campuses by looking at how UM and the Missoula community handled recent cases.

"I do want to acknowledge that it's out there, and so we'll be watching that development, of course, very closely and responding to it as is appropriate," he said.

Engstrom also addressed potential budget cuts, and said the issue continues to be UM's greatest challenge.

He said he asked UM Vice President of Administration and Finance Michael Reid to prepare a conservative budget reflecting the realities of en-

rollment: the decreasing Montana high school graduation rates, the increasing demand for engineering programs and appealing to nonresident students.

Engstrom also said Reid and his staff have been reviewing the budget model "to see if there is a better, more logical and more transparent manner to allocate our precious resources."

Engstrom said UM's changes in its recruitment process will pay off soon.

"Our recruiting strategies are key, and our retention strategies are key to improving the budget situation, as our general fund budget is essentially 100 percent tied to enrollment," he said. "That's an important realization for all of us."

Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success Sharon O'Hare and her team have focused on strengthening areas of recruitment, Engstrom said.

Outreach efforts include increasing UM's social media presence, changing recruitment materials, communicating with prospective students earlier and more personally and increasing scholarships and other sources of funding.

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MEDIA ARTS

Sonic Arts program in limbo after death of professor

Peter Friesen
Montana Kaimin

The Media Arts department is working overtime to make it through the semester, after the death of one of their most accomplished professors over winter break.

Media Arts professor Dale Sherrard passed away on Jan. 14 at 53, leaving the Sonic Arts track without its driving force.

“We needed someone who could take the bull by the horns, and he did that big time.”

Rick Hughes

Director of the School of Media Arts

The Sonic Arts track of the Media Arts program gives students a strong foundation in both music and media arts through courses in recording, editing, processing, mixing and spatializing digital audio.

Mark Shogren, professor and head of filmmaking in

the School of Media Arts, described Sherrard as the heart of their sound teaching environment. Sherrard had built a new sound lab and committed an “extraordinary” amount of time to the program, his dedication will be difficult to replace, said Shogren.

Rick Hughes, director of the School of Media Arts, said that while the Sonic Arts track still exists, it’s being reevaluated this spring and summer. Although Hughes created the track with Charles Nichols, a former music technology professor, three years ago, he said Sherrard was its driving force.

“We needed someone who could take the bull by the horns, and he did that big time,” Hughes said.

Sherrard was slated to teach three or four courses this spring.

Hughes said that everyone in the program stepped up to make the classes happen, especially graduate students, who, under no obligation, helped build online courses and teach classes.

“I think Dale would be proud of the effort everyone put in — I mean, talk about going above and beyond,” Hughes said.

Geoff Cole, a graduate stu-



Courtesy of Ted Talks

Prof. Dale Sherrard gives a TEDxUMontana on technology and sonic culture, November 2013.

dent in the Media Arts program, is teaching two classes this semester and helped put together online classes.

He said that because Sherrard made an effort to be personally involved with his students and their work, everyone had a unique experience with the professor.

“Dale was an influential guy,” Cole said. “He had great relationships with students.”

Shogren said they’re thinking about putting the track on

hold, but the faculty hasn’t met to make a decision yet.

“It wouldn’t be right to bring new students in as it is,” Shogren said, referring to the uncertainty of who will head the track.

The first student graduated from the program last spring, and two more are set to graduate this May. Hughes estimated there is a total of six students in the track.

Sherrard’s hard work paid off for students, Hughes said,

by raising the quality of the program and facilities.

Sherrard was married to creative writing professor, Prageeta Sharma, who is on leave this semester.

Hughes said the best way to memorialize Sherrard is to continue his work while trying to plan the next step.

“Every day it gets a little clearer and we get a little closer,” Hughes said.

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DIVESTMENT

Sustainable Campus Committee not ready to make recommendation on divestment

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Brea Gaudioso
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After a couple of months of contemplation, the Sustainable Campus Committee has decided they will not vote on whether or not to recommend divestment to President Engstrom.

Reinvest Montana, a UM student group, started the conversation last semester with a rally urging the UM Foundation to take their investments out of the fossil fuel industry.

The UM Foundation, an independent nonprofit organization, was put in place to provide UM with financial support. The Foundation controls all donations given to UM through its endowment.

Thus far, President Engstrom and the foundation have not budged on the issue, but encouraged the conversation to continue at the Sustainable

Campus Committee meetings.

The committee’s chair, Eva Rocke, said that even though the committee was formed to make recommendations regarding sustainability on campus, they do not feel ready to make a recommendation as to whether UM should divest, and to what extent divestment will affect UM’s sustainability goal.

“We were passed a political hot potato,” she said. “I don’t think a vote from us is necessary, not at this stage.”

The committee initially told Engstrom they would put together a formal presentation on divestment to discuss and investigate it.

At the end of last semester, the committee wrote a letter to the UM Foundation encouraging them to have open dialogue with ReinvestMT, and two of the board’s members, Suzanne Tilleman and Joshua Slotnick,

continue to investigate the possibility of divestment, but the committee has no plans to vote on the topic. Engstrom asked the committee not to vote on the issue last October, but Rocke said the committee isn’t abstaining because of that.

“We were formed to make recommendations to the President,” Rocke said. “Not to the UM foundation.”

Though the committee seems to be at a stalemate, Reinvest Montana has shown no signs of surrendering their cause. Last week they delivered “clean energy” Valentines to UM Foundation President Shane Giese.

Giese shook hands with the 20 participants and explained that the foundation is discussing the topic and working on creating a committee to further discuss the idea of divestment.

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HOOPS

Lady Griz cling onto No.1 heading into weekend

Alexandria Valdez
Montana Kaimin

Even though the Lady Griz hold the No. 1 spot in the Big Sky Conference, head coach Robin Selvig doesn't feel safe.

"There are a whole bunch of games left and you've got to play them all," Selvig said. "We've got five very tough teams left, and everyone else does, too. That's the nature of this league."

As the Lady Griz embark on a road trip to Pocatello and Ogden this weekend, it will be a scramble until the end to see who can snag the Big Sky Conference title.

Currently, Montana sits above Sacramento State and Eastern Washington in the BSC stand-

ings. Both teams have one more loss than Montana.

Over the weekend, the Lady Griz played two home games against North Dakota and the University of Northern Colorado. Montana beat North Dakota on Thursday but fell to Northern Colorado by one point on Saturday.

North Dakota, last year's BSC champion, came into the season projected to win the conference title again. North Dakota beat Montana in Grand Forks earlier this season, but the Griz came away with a 66-51 win in Missoula. The win was critical: if North Dakota had won, it would have broken a tie with Montana set the Griz back in BCS standings.

But Saturday's loss was a heartbreaker, Selvig said.

"They just had a girl make a big shot," Selvig said about Saturday's matchup. "It was a one-point game and there were just a bunch of tiny things. We had a couple turnovers, they made a couple big shots and they made a big shot at the end."

One young player who stood out was 5-foot-11 sophomore forward Kayleigh Valley. She played a career-high 37 minutes on Saturday, scored 17 points and went 6-for-6 in the paint.

This weekend Montana faces Idaho State and Weber State on the road. When the two teams played in Montana, the Lady Griz swept both games.

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Lady Griz guard Hannah Doran goes up for a shot during a game against Montana State in January.

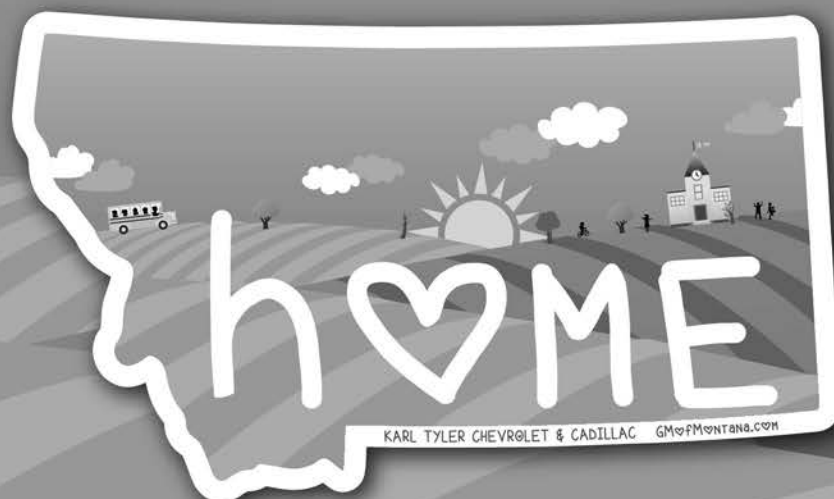


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Now and then

In 2013, the Lady Griz won the Big Sky Conference championship. Two years later, Montana is again ranked No. 1 in the conference. Here is a comparison of where the team ended in 2013 and where it stands now.

	PLAYER	2012-2013 SEASON	2014-2015 SEASON
	Name: Kellie Cole-Rubel Year: Redshirt senior Position: Guard	Total points: 179 Average points per game: 5.6 Total rebounds: 71 Total minutes: 551	Total points: 332 Average points per game: 13.8 Total rebounds: 123 Total minutes: 804

	PLAYER	2012-2013 SEASON	2014-2015 SEASON
	Name: Maggie Rickman Year: Senior Position: Forward	Total points: 145 points Average points per game: 4.7 Total rebounds: 118 Total minutes: 527	Total points: 213 Average points per game: 8.7 Total rebounds: 163 Total minutes: 623

	PLAYER	2012-2013 SEASON	2014-2015 SEASON
	Name: McCalle Feller Year: Junior Position: Guard	Total points: 8 Average points per game: 0.5 Total rebounds: 8 Total minutes: 66	Total points: 269 Average points per game: 11.2 Total rebounds: 89 Total minutes: 661

2012-2013 SEASON	2014-2015 SEASON
Total games: 32	Total games: 24
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POLITICS

Yoga pants commentary continues at the legislature

Michael Wright
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In an interview after a hearing on his bill to revise indecency laws, Rep. David "Doc" Moore, R-Missoula, told the Associated Press that he thinks yoga pants should be illegal in public.

Moore maintains that he was joking, but the Associated Press ran with the comment and the story quickly went viral. Soon headlines appeared across the country, like one in Time, read, "Montana Lawmaker Wants to Ban Yoga Pants."

"The bill had nothing to do with clothes or yoga pants," Moore said.

The bill, House Bill 365, would have redefined indecent exposure to mean someone commits the crime if they knowingly expose their genitals, nipples or any simulation of those parts in public, and "disregards whether a reasonable person would be offended."

Moore said a recent nude bike ride in Missoula raised the concern, and that someone in his district had asked for the bill.

But it was Moore's comment on yoga pants that set off a storm of social media comments and garnered national attention, focused mostly on the idea that Moore wanted to ban yoga pants.

Moore said the most irritating part of the attention was his being labeled a Tea Party Republican, when in fact he feels he is more moderate.

In the first month of the legislature he has voted with Democrats against his party on several bills.

The bill was killed in committee the day after the hearing.

Moore said it was a shame that the issue distracted from the real issues before the legislature.

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WEATHER

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Missoula relies on yearly snowmelt to feed the three rivers that surround the city. People and animals alike rely on the rivers for business and life.

Justin Capps is head outfitter and fishing guide at The Resort at Paws Up, and guides almost exclusively on the Blackfoot River. He said if water levels get too low, Fish, Wildlife and Parks will be forced to close the river to all fishing to protect the trout which need high, cold water to survive.

"It takes away from everything when rivers shut down," Capps said. "But it's also necessary so the trout can flourish."

Capps said the closing of the Blackfoot isn't unheard of, but usually happens in late summer. The real issue comes if low water causes the river to close early.

"We definitely have some concern for this year's water levels," he said.

He went on to say that not only will fishermen feel the effect of a river closure, but businesses in the area that rely on fishermen will suffer as well.

"I'm fishing and I'm having fun in the sun right now," Capps said. "But in the back of my mind I know this is the water we need for the summer."

Fishermen aren't the only ones who feel the effects of a warm winter. CEO of the local ski hill Discovery Ski Area, Ciche Pitcher, said attendance has fallen at the mountain due to the poor conditions.

Pitcher said while the snow has held up well this season, the lack of new snow is concerning.

"The biggest impact has been the lack of fresh snow,"

Pitcher said. "That has definitely affected our business."

Pitcher said during a normal cold winter, people look to skiing as a way to get out and get active, but the warm weather sends people in search of other activities than hitting the slopes.

"There are all these things we're competing with, and sometimes I think that has the biggest impact," he said. "The last three weekends have been pretty skinny, as far as business goes."

Another mountain feeling the effects of warm weather is Lost Trail Powder Mountain in the Bitterroot Valley. In two weeks the mountain will hold its annual Coldsmoke Free Ride contest, a freestyle skiing competition. But, without any fresh snow, the contest is making some people nervous.

"We were counting on the powder so people could go big, but it's going to be scary this year with the hardpack snow," said River Lucas, an employee at Gull Ski and Snowboard in Missoula.

Lucas said Gull Ski and Snowboard is also feeling the effects of spring-like weather as business has been slow, and the weather is reason for concern.

"It's dead in here now, it was dead yesterday and it definitely is the weather," Lucas said. "People are thinking of summer things like hiking and mountain biking."

Wednesday marks another day close to 50 degrees in Missoula, but winter may be on its way again. Weather forecasts are predicting three or more inches of snow in the mountains this weekend, which will hopefully start replenishing the snowpack in the mountains.

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KRAKAUER

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the Commissioner is wrongly withholding the requested information.

LoMonte said Krakauer's fame and fan base will contribute to the overall impact this book will have.

"I think he's going to provoke a lot of discussion nationally about rapes on college campuses," LoMonte said. "You almost can't talk about that subject too much because it's a problem everywhere."

David Paoli, former defense lawyer for Jordan Johnson, said he doesn't believe the book will be as "meticulously reported" as the publisher described, however.

"I don't think he contacted or spoke with individuals who can give all of the facts," Paoli said. Paoli served as one of Johnson's two attorneys during the trial alongside Kirsten Pabst, the current Missoula County attorney. Both Pabst and Paoli said Krakauer didn't contact them.

"No one asked me what I discussed at the campus hearing," Pabst said. "Most importantly, no one asked about the positive changes we've made and our commitment to continuing to better handle sexual assault cases and how to better serve victims."

Kevin McRae, Deputy Commissioner for Communications and Human Resources at the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, said the office's only interaction with Krakauer was when he sued them.

"I can say with certainty he has never sought to interview University leadership," McRae said. "I think that if we would've had a conversation, he would have been able to gain a better understanding of what the issues are."

Dean of Students Rhondie Voorhees said, to her knowledge, Krakauer didn't reach out to her or anyone else in the University.

The Missoula Police Department also said Krakauer did not contact the department regarding information concerning how sexual assault cases are handled in Missoula.

Missoula Police Department

Public Information Officer Travis Welsh said both he and the assistant chief are unaware if the author spoke to anyone currently working at the station.

"What I hope is portrayed in his book is that the people here care about what they do and work very hard," Welsh said.

The Office of the Commissioner sought advice from the U.S. Department of Education after receiving court orders telling them to release the information regarding Johnson's UM hearing. The DOE advised against releasing anything, if such records existed.

McRae said that releasing requested information would violate the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, and it could cost Montana millions in federal funding and educational grants.

"I hope that people understand that students who go to a Montana University have a right to privacy, and we're getting dinged around for protecting that," McRae said.

LoMonte said he believes that apart from the other issues, this case needs to be exposed to get a conversation going about sexual assaults on campus.

"When something involves a high profile criminal accusation, it's a matter of public interest and concern," LoMonte said.

The Student Press Law Center joined forces with multiple media organizations, including the Montana Newspaper Association, to file a brief in support of Krakauer to the Montana Supreme Court.

"This is an important issue to all media, not just this one author," LoMonte said.

LoMonte said that the Office of the Commissioner is using the risk of financial loss as a distraction from releasing the requested records. Once a court orders a University to disclose documents, they cannot be fined.

"Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town" will be released April 21.

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